

CLAIMS:

1. A system for the distribution of flavors, comprising:
a plurality of consumer workstations linked to a central processing hub;
the central processing hub including means for providing consumers with information regarding flavors, the means for providing including a flavor search system through which a consumer may identify desired flavor based upon a series of input criteria.
2. The system according to claim 1, wherein the criteria includes general flavor type.
3. The system according to claim 2, wherein the criteria further includes flavor descriptors.
4. The system according to claim 2, wherein the criteria further includes flavor legal status.

5. The system according to claim 4, wherein the flavor legal status is chosen from the group consisting of artificial, natural and artificial, natural flavor, natural type and natural WONF.

6. The system according to claim 2, wherein the criteria further includes solubility of the flavor.

7. The system according to claim 2, wherein means for providing further prompts the user to identify the usage category for the chosen flavor.

8. The system according to claim 7, wherein the usage categories are selected from the group consisting of bakery, dairy, beverage, confections and oral care.

9. The system according to claim 1, wherein means for providing further prompts the user to identify the usage category for the chosen flavor.

10. The system according to claim 9, wherein the usage categories are selected from the group consisting of bakery, dairy, beverage, confections and oral care.

11. The system according to claim 1, wherein the means for providing also including means for permitting a user to select the preparation of a custom flavor.
12. The system according to claim 1, wherein the consumer workstations and the central processing hub are connected via the Internet.
13. The system according to claim 1, further including means for providing general information regarding flavors.